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"The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declared the Greek.

"The tongue destroys a greater horde,"
The Turk asserts, "than doth the sword."

Or sometimes takes this form instead:
"Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"
Says the Chinese, "outstrips the steed."

While Arab sages this impart:
"The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit this maxim sprung:
"Though feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue."

The Sacred writer crowns the whole:
"Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul."

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